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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1446

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CASC, PFOR
SUBJECT: WILLIAM THOMAS CASE

REF: TRIPOLI 1399

1. AHMAD MRAWHIL, THE OFFICIAL IN PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE WITH WHOM THOMAS AND CONSULAR FSL SPOKE EARLIER THIS MONTH, AGREED TO DISCUSS THE CASE WITH CONSULAR OFFICER ON DECEMBER 24. MRAWHIL CLAIMS HE WORKS FOR PROSECUTOR BARUNI BUT WE BELIEVE HE IS ACTUALLY AN AIDE TO QADHAFI FOR SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, MRAWHIL HAD MENTIONED THE MEETING TO BARUNI, WHO SAID THE EMBASSY WOULD HAVE TO COURSE ITS REQUEST THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, CONSUL DID NOT MEET WITH MRAWHIL, WHO APOLOGIZED PROFUSELY THROUGH FSL THAT HE HAD TO RENEGE ON HIS PROMISE OF THE DAY BEFORE. MRAWHIL TOLD FSL THAT HE RATHER THAN BARUNI IS NOW HANDLING THE CASE. HE SAID HE HAS BEGUN TO ACTIVELY REVIEW THE CASE AND WOULD HAVE NEWS ABOUT IT IN FOUR DAYS.

3. THE FACT THAT MRAWHIL IS NOW HANDLING THE CASE IS A HOPEFUL SIGN. HE SEEMS TO BE MORE OPEN-MINDED AND IMPARTIAL THAN BARUNI, AND IF OUR INFORMATION ABOUT HIM IS CORRECT, WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DISMISS
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THE CHARGES OUTRIGHT IF THAT IS WHAT THE LIBYANS

DECIDE TO DO.

4. WE PLAN TO GIVE MRAWHIL THE FOUR DAYS HE SAYS HE
NEEDS TO REVIEW THE CASE, BUT IF HE STALLS AGAIN NEXT
WEEK WE WILL URGENTLY REQUEST THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO
ARRANGE A SESSION WITH HIM AND/OR BARUNI.
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